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The Commissions original action against Foret came on April 5th. This, after Commission personnel monitored and documented Foret's transmissions in December 1995 and January 1996. The FCC said some of Foret's transmissions on January 29, 1996, constituted willful or malicious interference to the transmissions of other Amateur Radio stations, in apparent violation of FCC rules. During an inspection of his station, the FCC said, Foret had been lacking in candor and misrepresented material facts to Commission personnel by stating that he did not make the transmissions the Commission observed. The FCC also said some of Foret's transmissions were unidentified, included music or were obscene or indecent, the alleged indecent transmissions occurring at a time when there was a reasonable risk that children were in the audience. The latter being a direct violation of the so-called "safe harbor rule."

The agreement between Foret and the FCC does not prohibit him from engaging in otherwise lawful transmissions over land mobile radio facilities as part of his work. But as far as any other form of radio communications is concerned, Irvin J. Foret, soon to be the ex KC5UJD, is now banned for life. It is also one of the harshest regulatory enforcement actions taken against a radio amateur in the past two decades, and hams nationwide are wondering who will be next.

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TEETSONS REMEMBERED

A friend of the murdered Floyd Teetson, W5MUG, and his wife, Winnie, WN5YTR says that he cannot

comprehend why the alleged assailant killed the only two people who cared about him. Troy Ballard, W5AU, is among those having a hard time understanding why 18 year old Kevin Coleman, whom he described as a high-school dropout, committed the crime. "They really had tried hard to help this young man," says Ballard.

"They both had stressed the importance of Coleman getting an education, and even offered to pay a tutor to help him get his general educational development diploma. They were probably the only true friends this person had."

Ballard and two other hams went ahead with plans laid mostly by the Teetsons, to operate during the ARRL International DX Contest from Little Cayman Island. The group used Floyd Teetson's Caymans' call sign of ZF2FT in honor of their slain friends.

Coleman who has confessed to killing the Teetsons faces the death penalty if convicted of the crime.

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#### DAYTON IS ON

The 1996 Dayton Hamvention is on. Three weeks later than in years past, Hamvention '96 opened at noon on Friday May 17th to a record crowd. Ken Allen, KB8KE is the General Chairman of Hamvention '96. He says that with the date change, he had one big worry:

"For years now, Hamvention has been that last weekend in April. So it has been on peoples agenda. It has become habit to a lot of people. Has just become part of their yearly routine. So part of it is a fear that we have had in the back of our minds, that come the third weekend in April there's going to be this crowd of people show up at Hara Arena asking where Hamvention is." KB8KE

Well nobody we know of showed up at the Hara Arena on the wrong weekend. This is primarily because the Hamvention planners went to great lengths to publicize the new date. Again Ken Allen, KB8KE:

"We have advertised it rather heavily, that we have changed the dates. Last year, I'm sure you



may note that we were passing out extra flyers every time somebody walked by a ticket booth or a ticket sales place or just about anywhere in the arena. We were handing out these little notices reminding people of the date change." KB8KE

As we go to air, Newsline reporters are circulating throughout Hamvention '96 with tape recorders in hand. We will have a full wrap up next week.

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#### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP SET

A workshop titled Disaster Preparedness: Reducing Risk and Improving Response, is scheduled for June 24 in Asheville, North Carolina. It's sponsored by the Disaster Emergency Response Association which is an ARRL-affiliated organization.

All Amateur Radio operators and others involved with disaster planning and emergency response are welcome. Robert R. Dockery, WD4CNZ, a professor at Western Piedmont College, will chair the workshop, which plans to cover risk assessment, mass casualties, terrorism, hazard mitigation, incident command, communications and recovery.

The workshop will be held in Simpson Auditorium at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. The first session runs from 9 AM until 5 PM; the second from 6 until 9 PM. Participants may attend either or both sessions. The registration fee for Amateur Radio operators active in any form of voluntary emergency service is only \$12.50 if they register before June 1st. To register or for more information, write the:

D.E.R.A.  
Readiness Workshop  
P.O.Box 6558  
Asheville, NC 28816

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#### LEARN YOUR NOI'S

The FCC will host an open forum on May 31st on the proper way to participate in the rule making process. The three hour session starts at 9AM in

Washington, D.C. For more information contact:  
Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260.

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#### NEW HUDSON VICE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Dr. Richard A. Sandell, WK6R, of Scarsdale, New York, has been appointed Vice Director of the ARRL Hudson Division. He will fill out the unexpired term of Paul Vadarny, WB2VUK, who ascended to Division Director upon the election of Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, as the League's First Vice President earlier this year.

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#### COLLOQUIUM '96

The 11th AMSAT-UK Colloquium will be held at Surrey University, Guildford, Surrey, U.K., from Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th July 1996. Current intentions are to devote the Thursday to international and IARU matters and to structure other subjects across the following three days.

Amsat-UK invites authors to submit papers, about amateur radio space and associated activities, for this event. Abstracts of Papers for presentation should be submitted as soon as possible. Submissions should be sent to:

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#### DOVE DOWN

The DOVE-OSCAR 17 satellite remains down following problems first experienced last December when an onboard computer apparently crashed. Jim White, WD0E, of AMSAT reports that ground controllers have ruled out a few hardware problems, but have come no closer to identifying the actual cause of the satellite's onboard computer problems. The satellite is transmitting occasional packets on

145.825 MHZ but not transmitting on S band.

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#### ARIANE

Western Europe's first new-generation Ariane-5 rocket was transferred to a launch pad in French Guiana for tests that will fix a launch date. The 100 foot high launcher with two solid propellant strap-on boosters is the type that will be used to launch the Phase 3D ham satellite into orbit.

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#### PUPILS PLAN MOCK SHUTTLE MISSION

To help generate awareness of their scheduled SAREX contact during the STS-78 shuttle flight in June, pupils at Heritage Middle School in Colleyville, Texas, launched a shuttle mission of their own. A mission complete with SAREX.

Seven pupils in a sixth-grade math class served as astronauts during the day long mock-up. More than 200 students participated on different support teams.

One of the student astronauts, Vivian Wang, KC5NAU, operated onboard equipment for 2 meter FM, 70 centimeter amateur television and packet. Other radios were in the schools own mission control and in other classrooms. The youngsters performed experiments and space activities and even have to dealt with a few "problems" during the mission.

The real STS-78 is scheduled to launch June 20 at 14:49 UTC. It will carry space shuttle Columbia into orbit for a 16 day microgravity mission. SAREX communications will include FM voice and packet radio.

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#### PIONEER 6 - 30 YEARS OLD

The world's oldest operating spacecraft, a 140 pound probe called Pioneer 6, marked 30 years in orbit around the sun last December 16th. According to a packet posting by KD6MSM, Pioneer 6 is a squat cylinder about a yard long and a yard wide covered with solar cells.

Pioneer 6 went into space Dec. 16, 1965, on top of a Delta rocket. Since then, it has been in

solar orbit on an elliptical path that ranges from about 93 million miles to about 75 million miles from the sun -- about halfway between the orbits of Earth and Venus.

Space scientists had designed the probe to last six months, long enough to pass behind the sun as seen from Earth and send back the first detailed measurements from that region of magnetic fields, cosmic rays and the solar wind of particles expelled from the sun. Although three of six instruments have failed and the solar cells are losing efficiency, the radio signal from Pioneer has never stopped.

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#### KIDS R US

Speaking about young hams, a reminder that the Hams 'R Us Kids Net is on every Sunday at 7PM on the K2AA 145.290 MHZ repeater. Net control is 13 year old N2WXE who has been running a kids net since he received his ticket at age 10. You also can qualify for a special Kids Net certificate after you check in 10 times.

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The Commission's original action against Foret came on April 5th. This, after Commission personnel monitored and documented Foret's transmissions in December 1995 and January 1996. The FCC said some of Foret's transmissions on January 29, 1996, constituted willful or malicious interference to the transmissions of other Amateur Radio stations, in apparent violation of FCC rules. During an inspection of his station, the FCC said, Foret had been lacking in candor and misrepresented material facts to Commission personnel by stating that he did not make the transmissions the Commission observed. The FCC also said some of Foret's transmissions were unidentified, included music or were obscene or indecent, the alleged indecent transmissions occurring at a time when there was a reasonable risk that children were in the audience. The latter being a direct violation of the so-called "safe harbor rule."

The agreement between Foret and the FCC does not prohibit him from engaging in otherwise lawful transmissions over land mobile radio facilities as part of his work. But as far as any other form of radio communications is concerned, Irvin J. Foret, soon to be the ex KC5UJD, is now banned for life. It is also one of the harshest regulatory enforcement actions taken against a radio amateur in the past two decades, and hams nationwide are wondering who will be next.

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#### TEETSONS REMEMBERED

A friend of the murdered Floyd Teetson, W5MUG, and his wife, Winnie, WN5YTR says that he cannot comprehend why the alleged assailant killed the only two people who cared about him. Troy Ballard, W5AU, is among those having a hard time understanding why 18 year old Kevin Coleman, whom he described as a high-school dropout, committed the crime. "They really had tried hard to help this young man," says Ballard.

"They both had stressed the importance of Coleman getting an education, and even offered to pay a tutor to help him get his general educational development diploma. They were probably the only true friends this person had."

Ballard and two other hams went ahead with plans laid mostly by the Teetsons, to operate during the ARRL International DX Contest from Little Cayman Island. The group used Floyd Teetson's Caymans' call sign of ZF2FT in honor of their slain friends.

Coleman who has confessed to killing the Teetsons faces the death penalty if convicted of the crime.

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#### DAYTON IS ON

The 1996 Dayton Hamvention is on. Three weeks later than in years past, Hamvention '96 opened at noon on Friday May 17th to a record crowd. Ken Allen, KB8KE is the General Chairman of Hamvention '96. He says that with the date change, he had one big worry:

"For years now, Hamvention has been that last weekend in April. So it has been on peoples agenda. It has become habit to a lot of people. Has just become part of their yearly routine. So part of it is a fear that we have had in the back of our minds, that come the third weekend in April there's going to be this crowd of people show up at Hara Arena asking where Hamvention is." KB8KE

Well nobody we know of showed up at the Hara Arena on the wrong weekend. This is primarily because the Hamvention planners went to great lengths to publicize the new date. Again Ken Allen, KB8KE:

"We have advertised it rather heavily, that we have changed the dates.

Last year, I'm sure you may note that we were passing out extra flyers every time somebody walked by a ticket booth or a ticket sales place or just about anywhere in the arena. We were handing out these little notices reminding people of the date change." KB8KE

As we go to air, Newsline reporters are circulating throughout Hamvention '96 with tape recorders in hand. We will have a full wrap up next week.

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#### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP SET

A workshop titled Disaster Preparedness: Reducing Risk and Improving Response, is scheduled for June 24 in Asheville, North Carolina. It's sponsored by the Disaster Emergency Response Association which is an ARRL-affiliated organization.

All Amateur Radio operators and others involved with disaster planning and emergency response are welcome. Robert R. Dockery, WD4CNZ, a professor at Western Piedmont College, will chair the workshop, which plans to cover risk assessment, mass casualties, terrorism, hazard mitigation, incident command, communications and recovery.

The workshop will be held in Simpson Auditorium at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. The first session runs from 9 AM until 5 PM; the second from 6 until 9 PM. Participants may attend either or both sessions. The registration fee for Amateur Radio operators active in any form of voluntary emergency service is only \$12.50 if they register before June 1st. To register or for more information, write the:

D.E.R.A.  
Readiness Workshop  
P.O.Box 6558  
Asheville, NC 28816

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#### LEARN YOUR NOI'S

The FCC will host an open forum on May 31st on the proper way to participate in the rule making process. The three hour session starts at 9AM in Washinton, D.C. For more information contact: Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260.

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#### NEW HUDSON VICE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Dr. Richard A. Sandell, WK6R, of Scarsdale, New York, has been appointed Vice Director of the ARRL Hudson Division. He will fill out the unexpired term of Paul Vadarny, WB2VUK, who ascended to Division Director upon the election of Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, as the League's First Vice

President earlier this year.

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#### COLLOQUIUM '96

The 11th AMSAT-UK Colloquium will be held at Surrey University, Guildford, Surrey, U.K., from Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th July 1996. Current intentions are to devote the Thursday to international and IARU matters and to structure other subjects across the following three days.

Amsat-UK invites authors to submit papers, about amateur radio space and associated activities, for this event. Abstracts of Papers for presentation should be submitted as soon as possible. Submissions should be sent to:

Chris Jackson  
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G7UPN@amsat.org.

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#### DOVE DOWN

The DOVE-OSCAR 17 satellite remains down following problems first experienced last December when an onboard computer apparently crashed. Jim White, WD0E, of AMSAT reports that ground controllers have ruled out a few hardware problems, but have come no closer to identifying the actual cause of the satellite's onboard computer problems. The satellite is transmitting occasional packets on 145.825 MHZ but not transmitting on S band.

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#### ARIANE

Western Europe's first new-generation Ariane-5 rocket was transferred to a launch pad in French Guiana for tests that will fix a launch date. The 100 foot high launcher with two solid propellant strap-on boosters is the type that will be used to launch the Phase 3D ham satellite into orbit.

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#### PUPILS PLAN MOCK SHUTTLE MISSION

To help generate awareness of their scheduled SAREX contact during the STS-78 shuttle flight in June, pupils at Heritage Middle School in Colleyville, Texas, launched a shuttle mission of their own. A mission complete with SAREX.

Seven pupils in a sixth-grade math class served as astronauts during the

day long mock-up. More than 200 students participated on different support teams.

One of the student astronauts, Vivian Wang, KC5NAU, operated onboard equipment for 2 meter FM, 70 centimeter amateur television and packet. Other radios were in the schools own mission control and in other classrooms. The youngsters performed experiments and space activities and even have to dealt with a few "problems" during the mission.

The real STS-78 is scheduled to launch June 20 at 14:49 UTC. It will carry space shuttle Columbia into orbit for a 16 day microgravity mission. SAREX communications will include FM voice and packet radio.

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#### PIONEER 6 - 30 YEARS OLD

The world's oldest operating spacecraft, a 140 pound probe called Pioneer 6, marked 30 years in orbit around the sun last December 16th. According to a packet posting by KD6MSM, Pioneer 6 is a squat cylinder about a yard long and a yard wide covered with solar cells.

Pioneer 6 went into space Dec. 16, 1965, on top of a Delta rocket. Since then, it has been in solar orbit on an elliptical path that ranges from about 93 million miles to about 75 million miles from the sun -- about halfway between the orbits of Earth and Venus.

Space scientists had designed the probe to last six months, long enough to pass behind the sun as seen from Earth and send back the first detailed measurements from that region of magnetic fields, cosmic rays and the solar wind of particles expelled from the sun. Although three of six instruments have failed and the solar cells are losing efficiency, the radio signal from Pioneer has never stopped.

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#### KIDS R US

Speaking about young hams, a reminder that the Hams 'R Us Kids Net is on every Sunday at 7PM on the K2AA 145.290 MHZ repeater. Net control is 13 year old N2WXE who has been running a kids net since he received his ticket at age 10. You also can qualify for a special Kids Net certificate after you check in 10 times.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF at our editors desk, we at Newsline

say 73 and we thank you for listening.

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